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Dear Paul,

For special reasons I am asking the archives for everything on H.L., Nelson Bunker and Lamar Hunt. I am writing to ask that, if no one has yet done this, the next time anyone goes through all the indexes, they make a record of each document for me.

This will give me a check on the completeness with which the order is filled and, I hope, will give me the withheld documents, something I may well not be told about.

You thus will also know everything I will or should get and can get a copy of whatever you may desire. When the order is filled, I'll send you a list of what is included.

Thanks much.

Hoffman is here this weekend. From him I have learned that he got his copy of the panel report from the Archives. This is a further clear demonstration that they have files, parts of the archive, that is not WC material. Remember, I once indicated this special meaning of their stock phrase, "not in the pertinent files of the WC". Henceforth I think we can safely assume this phrase means they may well have what we seek in files others than those of the Commission.

Moreover, if they have a file including the panel report, how can they not have the legal proceeding in which it was used, of which it is part? Yet you have the letters in which they assure me they do not. Thus they delineate the character of the file: propaganda. At least, this is the way I interpret it. A selective archive, containing the propaganda only is nothing else. If there is a valid basis for having the panel report, that same basis requires the court proceeding and the decision. Only the fact that the decision was against the government and the transcript of evidence is utterly destructive of its posture are reasonable explanations of this unscholarly selectivity -to me.

Best,  
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